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Subject: Dewatering Tests for Ponds 207A & B

[WBS 224 WASTE CHARACTERIZATION REPORT - HALLIBURTON NUS ROCKY FLATS DENVER]

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Dear Mr. Ferrier:

Enclosed are four of the six vendors laboratory reports conducted in the Pittsburgh Laboratory during February on Ponds 207A & B. As of this date, HNUS is not recommending dewatering the sludges to the high percent solids (50-60%) required for these laboratory tests. This is due to the inability to be able to cast the cemented product into half crates. This topic is addressed in a separate memo entitled LOW WATER RATIO PROCESS FOR 207A & B.

HNUS does not consider these tests to be invalid. HNUS is taking these laboratory reports and using this information to assist in developing methods to effectively dewater Pondcrete to a 60% solids prior to cementing. It is imperative for HNUS to dewater Pondcrete to a high solids due to the large volume of material to stabilize. For comparison purposes there is approximately five times more Pondcrete and Saltcrete volumes of waste than Ponds A & B.

Upon receiving the last two laboratory reports, we will transmit these under separate cover.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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